

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on April 8, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 395, 4/1/2015
Executive Action: SB 360, SB 395

00:01:04 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON SB 395

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 395, Revise laws related to youth hunting.

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:07 Rep. Regier joined the meeting.

00:08:02 Warren Illi, Self and Thompson Chain of Lakes Homeowners Association

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a03\)](#)

00:13:14 Jon Wemple, Safari Club International (SCI)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a04\)](#)

00:19:41 Evan Heusinkveld, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) and Families of Field Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a05\)](#)

00:24:21 Steyr Ulberg, Self

00:25:34 Gunnar Ulberg, Self

00:27:01 Madison Ulberg, Self

00:30:12 Matt Ulberg, Western Montana Chapter of the Safari Club International (SCI)

00:35:03 Blake Henning, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a07\)](#)

00:38:03 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters & Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a08\)](#)

00:39:06 Rob Arnaud, Montana Outfitters & Guides Association (MOGA)

00:40:03 Elaine Taylor, on behalf of Gage Sliter

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a09\)](#)

00:42:25 Haylea Wemple, Self

00:43:15 Bart Taylor, Self

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a11\)](#)

00:44:43 Wil Carroll, Self

00:45:40 Scott Boulanger, Self

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a13\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:48 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:57:02 John Farley, Self

00:58:18 Robert Wood, Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife Association (RCFWA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh70a16\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:03:11 Wayde Cooperider, Supervisor, Outdoors Skills & Safety, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

[**EXHIBIT\(juh70a17\)**](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:24 Rep. Hill
01:06:00 Wayde Cooperider, FWP
01:06:49 Rep. Hill
01:06:55 Wayde Cooperider, FWP
01:07:32 Rep. Hill
01:07:46 Wayde Cooperider, FWP
01:08:25 Rep. Hill
01:08:42 Hank Worsch, Chief, License Bureau, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)
01:09:21 Rep. Hill
01:09:27 Hank Worsch, FWP
01:09:44 Rep. Hill
01:10:24 Sen. Blasdel
01:12:21 Rep. Eck
01:12:44 Sen. Blasdel
01:13:13 Rep. Eck
01:14:26 Sen. Blasdel
01:16:01 Rep. Eck
01:16:13 Sen. Blasdel
01:16:53 Rep. Eck
01:16:58 Rep. Court
01:17:44 Sen. Blasdel
01:18:06 Rep. Court
01:18:23 Sen. Blasdel
01:18:27 Rep. Court
01:19:12 Sen. Blasdel
01:19:50 Rep. Court
01:20:24 Sen. Blasdel
01:20:46 Rep. Court
01:21:14 Hank Worsch, FWP
01:21:25 Rep. Manzella
01:22:03 Evan Heusinkveld, USSA and Families of Field Coalition
01:22:31 Rep. Berglee left the meeting.
01:23:15 Rep. Kelker
01:23:56 Hank Worsch, FWP
01:24:05 Rep. Kelker
01:24:21 Hank Worsch, FWP
01:24:39 Rep. MacDonald
01:25:14 Wayde Cooperider, FWP
01:25:54 Rep. Eck
01:26:34 Jim Kropp, Chief, Law Enforcement, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)
01:26:59 Rep. Eck
01:27:05 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:27:10 Rep. Eck
01:27:41 Sen. Blasdel

01:29:09 Rep. McConnell
01:30:03 Sen. Blasdel
01:31:14 Rep. McConnell
01:31:41 Sen. Blasdel
01:31:50 Rep. McConnell
01:32:03 Sen. Blasdel
01:32:04 Rep. McConnell
01:32:13 Sen. Blasdel
01:32:42 Rep. McConnell
01:33:20 Sen. Blasdel
01:33:51 Rep. Fiscus
01:34:21 Hank Worsch, FWP
01:34:31 Wayde Cooperider, FWP
01:34:38 Rep. Fiscus
01:34:42 Wayde Cooperider, FWP
01:35:00 Rep. Fiscus
01:35:48 Hank Worsch, FWP
01:36:06 Rep. Fiscus
01:36:24 Hank Worsch, FWP
01:36:31 Rep. Fiscus
01:37:21 Sen. Blasdel
01:37:31 Rep. Court
01:38:06 Sen. Blasdel
01:38:22 Rep. Court
01:38:52 Sen. Blasdel
01:39:04 Evan Heusinkveld, USSA and Families of Field Coalition
01:40:24 Rep. Court
01:40:53 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:41:06 Rep. Court
01:41:15 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:41:30 Rep. Doane
01:41:58 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:42:19 Rep. Perry
01:42:42 Evan Heusinkveld, USSA and Families of Field Coalition
01:43:48 Rep. Hill
01:44:40 George Golie, MWF

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:48 Sen. Blasdel

01:48:48 Chair J. Bennett
01:49:34 Helen Thigpen, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(juh70a18)

01:50:30 Recessed

01:50:31 Rep. Wagoner left the meeting and did not return.
02:10:05 Rep. Monforton joined the meeting.

02:12:31 Reconvened

02:12:38 Chair J. Bennett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 395

02:12:56 **Motion:** Rep. Doane moved that **SB 395 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:13:03 Rep. Court
02:14:36 Rep. Eck
02:15:59 Rep. Regier
02:17:00 Rep. Hill
02:18:53 Rep. Manzella
02:20:38 Rep. Fiscus
02:22:36 Chair J. Bennett

02:23:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Court, Rep. Eck, Rep. Hill, Rep. Kelker, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Perry and Rep. Person voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Meyers and Rep. Wagoner voted by proxy. Rep. Berglee will carry the bill.

02:24:14 Chair J. Bennett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 360

02:24:27 **Motion:** Rep. Regier moved that **SB 360 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

02:24:47 Rep. Regier
02:25:09 Helen Thigpen, LSD

02:26:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. J. Bennett, Rep. Court, Rep. Hess, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Laszloffy, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Monforton, Rep. Person and Rep. Regier voting aye.

02:27:33 Rep. Berglee re-joined the meeting.

02:27:39 Chair J. Bennett
02:27:48 Rep. Hill
02:28:15 Chair J. Bennett
02:31:08 Rep. Court
02:31:23 Chair J. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:32:42

Fiscal note for HB 633 was received on 4/6/2015 and upon Chairman J. Bennett's approval, bill was reported out of committee.

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh70aad.pdf](#))